

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on September 5, 2007
at 2:30 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Trudi Schmidt, Chairman (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. Rick Laible, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Greg Lind (D)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 4, 9/3/2007; HB 3, 9/3/2007, HB
1, 9/3/2007

Executive Action: HB 4; HB 3; HB 1

00:08:24

HEARING ON HB 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:33 REP. JOHN SINRUD (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 4, Feed bill for special session.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor: None.

HEARING ON HB 3

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:30 REP. RAY HAWK (R), HD 90, opened the hearing on HB 3, Establish fund for fire suppression costs.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:50 Sen. Dave Wanzenried to Rep. Hawk

00:14:26 Sen. Carol Williams

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:15 Rep. Hawk

00:16:39 Recess

00:32:24 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:36 REP. JOHN SINRUD (R) HD 67 on behalf of REP. TIM CALLAHAN and REP. CALLAHAN (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 1, Revise disaster and emergency laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:54 Sen. Mike Cooney to Rep. Callahan referred to Barb Smith, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:40:10 Sen. Steve Gallus to Rep. Callahan

00:41:35 Sen. Trudi Schmidt to Rep. Callahan

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:33 Rep. Callahan

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 4

00:43:24 Motion/Vote: SEN. HAWKS moved that HB 4 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. SCHMIDT will carry.

00:43:25 Recess

01:25:52 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 3

01:26:17 Motion: SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 3 BE CONCURRED IN.

01:26:33 Motion: SEN. WANZENRIED moved to amend HB 3 with a CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT.

Discussion:

01:26:34 Sen. Wanzenried

01:29:44 Sen. Laible to Taryn Purdy, LFD

01:30:09 Sen. Laible to Sen. Wanzenried

01:30:49 **Vote:** Motion that the CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT BE APPROVED carried 18-1 by voice vote with SEN. BARKUS voting no.

01:31:06 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 3 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:31:13 Sen. Laible

01:32:25 Sen. Cooney

01:33:06 **Vote:** Motion that HB 3 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Williams will carry.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 1

01:33:23 **Motion:** SEN. COONEY moved that HB 1 BE CONCURRED IN.

01:33:37 **Motion:** SEN. COBB moved to amend HB 1 with amendment #HB000105.ABS.

EXHIBIT(fcs02b01)

01:34:35 **Motion:** SEN. COBB moved the approval of #3-5(C) of amendment #HB000105ABS.

Discussion:

01:34:39 Sen. Cobb

01:36:31 Sen. Laible

01:37:28 Sen. Weinberg

01:39:03 Sen. Weinberg to Ms. Smith, LFD

01:40:35 Sen. Wanzenried to Bob Harrington, Forestry Division Director, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

01:42:52 Sen. Gallus to Sen. Cobb

01:44:28 Sen. Cooney

01:45:42 Sen. Cobb

01:48:49 **Vote:** Motion that amendment #3-5(C) of amendment #HB000105.ABS BE APPROVED failed 7-12 by roll call vote with SEN. BARKUS, SEN. BRUEGGEMAN, SEN. COBB, SEN. LAIBLE, SEN. LEWIS, SEN. LIND, and SEN. TASH voting aye.

01:48:55 **Motion:** SEN. COBB moved the approval of amendment #3-5(B) of amendment #HB000105.ABS.

Discussion:

01:49:50 Sen. Cobb

01:50:17 Sen. Laible

01:51:01 Sen. Cooney

01:51:44 Sen. Gallus to Sen. Cobb rereferred to Ms. Smith, LFD

01:53:04 Sen. Cobb

01:54:47 **Vote:** Motion that amendment #3-5(B) of amendment #HB000105.ABS BE APPROVED failed 6-13 by roll call vote with SEN. BARKUS, SEN. BRUEGGEMAN, SEN. COBB, SEN. LAIBLE, SEN. LEWIS, and SEN. TASH voting aye.

01:54:53 **Motion:** SEN. COBB moved the approval of amendment #3-5(A) of amendment #HB000105.ABS.

Discussion:

01:54:54 Sen. Cobb

01:56:30 Sen. Cooney

01:57:34 Sen. Laible

01:58:38 Sen. Hawks

01:59:27 Sen. Cobb

02:01:29 Vote: Motion that amendment #3-5(A) of amendment #HB000105.ABS BE APPROVED failed 7-12 by roll call vote with SEN. BRUEGGEMAN, SEN. COBB, SEN. LAIBLE, SEN. LARSON, SEN. LEWIS, SEN. LIND, and SEN. TASH voting aye.

02:02:18 Motion: SEN. LIND moved to amend HB 1 with a CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT.

Discussion:

02:05:03 Sen. Laible to Sen. Lind

02:05:20 Sen. Williams

02:06:44 Sen. Lind

02:07:08 Vote: Motion that the CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT BE APPROVED failed 6-13 by roll call vote with SEN. COBB, SEN. LAIBLE, SEN. TROPILA, SEN. WANZENRIED, and SEN. WEINBERG voting aye.

02:08:34 Motion/Vote: SEN. HAWKS moved that HB 1 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 17-2 by voice vote with SEN. COBB and SEN. LIND voting no. SEN. WANZENRIED will carry.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT([fcs02bad.pdf](#))